

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	Seiji Sugiyama et al.
Serial No.	Not Yet Assigned
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Title	Sn-BASED METAL-COATED STEEL STRIP EXCELLENT IN APPEARANCE AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 4-8 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

9. (New) The Sn-based metal-coated steel strip excellent in appearance according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the Sn-based metal is a Sn-Zn-based alloy.
10. (New) The Sn-based metal-coated steel strip excellent in appearance according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the Sn-based metal-coated steel strip is an extremely low carbon one.
11. (New) The Sn-based metal-coated steel strip excellent in appearance according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the Sn-based metal-coated steel strip is for fuel tank materials.
12. (New) The Sn-based metal-coated steel strip excellent in appearance according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the Sn-based metal-coated steel strip is for materials for electrical appliances.
13. (New) The Sn-based metal-coated steel strip excellent in appearance according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the Sn-based metal-coated steel strip is for architectural materials.